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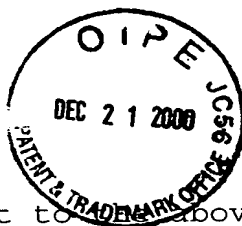
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For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING  
 (sRAGE) SOLUBLE RECEPTOR FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above identified application.

X  Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

X  No additional fee is required.

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Total Claims	31	-	35	=	0	X	\$9	\$18	=	0	0
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	X	\$40.00	\$80.00	=	0	0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Presented <u> </u> Yes <u> X </u> No For First Time							\$135	\$270	0	0	0
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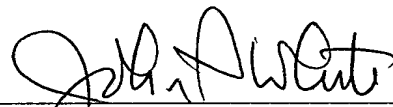
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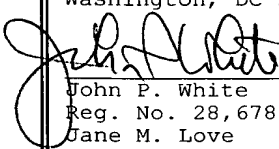
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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO JUNE 15, 2000  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the June 15, 2000 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the June 15, 2000 Final Office Action was originally due September 15, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from September 15, 2000 to December 15, 2000. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) for a small entity and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Thus, a response to the June 15, 2000 Final Office Action is now due December 15, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Applicants note that they are filing a Notice of Appeal

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